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LAD STRUCK BY CAR; CRITICAL

City Readies Plans For Trash Pick-Up

Torrance householders will be stuck with a piece of useless equipment Oct. 1, when the ban on incinerator burning goes into effect.

Air Pollution Control District Officer Smith Griswold warned Friday that there would be strict enforcement of the no-burning regulations after Oct. 1.

In Torrance, where widespread collections of rubbish began July 1, householders will soon receive instructions for the local pick-up as well as bills for \$3 for the past three months' collections. Cost of the pick-up will be \$1 per month.

Plan Eyed

Local residents will be informed of the days on which the pick-ups will be made by 12 trucks, Assistant City Manager Don Mansfield said that the city will study the operation closely to see how it works. Changes will be made, if needed, he said.

There will be approximately 25,000 accounts covered by the trash collectors, with an estimated average of two pounds of combustible rubbish per week, making a total of about 90 tons of trash each week. The program will not effect the can and garbage pickup currently underway in the city.

Pick-up Planned

The County Health Department has approved plans which will be completed to provide

Rivets Reports

Today should be a good chance to take the kids to the beach for their last pre-school swim, Rivets, HERALD

weather dog reported yesterday. Although there will be a few early morning clouds, the weather will be on the warm side, in the mid-80's.

Temperatures this week have included Thursday (77-56); Friday (78-58); and Saturday (80-61).

rubbish pickup service for some 300,000 home owners in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County and would be ready by Oct. 1.

The control chief pointed out that the "no burning" law abolishing use of single chamber incinerators is one of four district air pollution restrictions aimed at eliminating various forms of rubbish burning here during the past nine years.

"Each of these rules is enforceable by the Air Pollution Control District in both unincorporated and incorporated areas of the County without need for separate laws either by the Board of Supervisors or by local city councils," he declared.

Griswold added that, under provisions of the State law, violation of any of these restrictions by individuals or organizations can result in court action with a maximum penalty of \$500 fine and six months imprisonment.

SMALL FIRE RESULTS AS PIPE BLOWS

An explosion of a pressure pipe at the Union Carbide and Carbon Co. Thursday caused a small fire which was quickly contained by the firm's firemen.

Torrance firemen stood by while the employees quelled the flames, which did little damage, and turned off the pressure in the exploded pipe.

In other action, the firemen put out a blaze in a shed at 17010 Yukon Ave. The fire in the shed, owned by James Sellers, spread from an incinerator.

The firefighters Friday also proved that they were the housewife's best friend as they rescued a burned roast from the oven at 21330 Anza Ave.



PLANNING TRIP . . . Looking over plans to send the Torrance Area Youth Band to Chicago in December are James Van Dyck (left), director of the band; Mrs. John A. Shidler (Rosemary DeCamp), and Judge Shidler, who have joined the drive for funds to finance the trip. The band has been invited to play in Chicago at a band directors' clinic.

Commission May Become Tougher on Applicants

The Torrance Planning Commission Wednesday night indicated that it may pursue a tougher policy in acting upon requests for business licenses in private homes.

Building Superintendent Lee Schless told the group that such licenses presented many problems, in that many buildings used for business do not meet the construction specifications for a business firm.

Once the license is granted, there is nothing the city can do about the matter, he said. Commissioner Eldon Schoonover said he would vote against more requests for business licenses in homes.

The group did, however, vote to grant a license to J. Don More to operate an aerial photography business in his garage at 22407 Ellwood Dr. by a 7-2 vote, with Commissioners William Mason and John Mulvihill dissenting. The

license would be on a year-to-year basis.

It also voted to allow Chuck Robbins Realty a license to do business here, using a Gardena office address, but vetoed Robbins' request to operate from his home at 17031 Arlington Ave.

Doris Hoffman's request for a piano instruction license at her home, 3757 W. 182nd St., was sent to committee.

Matters Eyed Plans for the future in the South Torrance Oil Fields and Victor Tract zoning also came under the scrutiny of the Planning Commission.

The commission's study of setting up streets to allow for possible future development came under fire from several residents, who declared they wanted no changes.

Planning Commission Secretary George Powell explained that the study is being made to set up street plans for possible future development to

avoid haphazard building which would landlock some property.

Water Lines Affected Earl Babcock, of the Narbonne Ranch Water Co., pointed out that many of his firm's water lines rest on property boundaries and would have to be moved if streets were put through.

The commission will hold another hearing on the matter on Sept. 18.

Several requests for lot splits, cutting down the oversized lots in the area for more movable development, were recommended for approval by the Commission. These included requests by Donald Moreau and Clement Moreau on lots between 229th Pl. and 230th St. west of Arlington, Charles T. Rippey in the same general area, and Councilman Robert Jahn, for property at 233rd and Crenshaw.

The councilman assured the

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August Permits Hit \$1,487,701 New Building

Building permits in Torrance during August totaled \$1,487,701, bringing the year's figures to \$11,905,534.

The month's largest permits went to the Coleman Engineering Co. for its new plant at 3500 Torrance Blvd. The \$305,600 in permits were for a production building, industrial office, and garages.

During the month, permits were taken out for 27 homes worth \$391,212; 33 apartment units worth \$249,229; four industrial buildings valued at \$112,230; five miscellaneous buildings worth \$254,460; 62 home additions valued at \$108,164; 15 additions to other buildings worth \$211,707; and 242 miscellaneous construction jobs, \$152,699.

General Petroleum Corp. took out \$113,000 worth of permits for additions to its plant at 3700 W. 190th St. A. Gianni made plans for six retail store buildings at 2137-47 W. 182nd St. valued at \$80,000.

New apartments were planned as follows:

Gaston Arco, 775 Portola, \$35,722, six units; W. J. Mortensen, 2707 Gramercy Ave., \$24,416, four units; A. Builer, 324 Calle Miramar, \$74,000, nine units; J. P. Heybrock, 391 Paseo de Gracia, \$29,200, four units; and Gottleb and Brown, 317 Calle Miramar, \$85,891.

The Property Management Corp. took out permits for a 12-home tract in the 2100 blocks of 160th and 161st St., worth \$180,000.

Crain Named NTCIA Head

John G. L. Crain was named president of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn., Thursday night, succeeding John K. Kesson, who has headed the group for the past two years.

Other new officers of the group include Jack White, vice president; Margaret Clark, secretary; Herma Tillim, treasurer; and Vivian Warren, auditor. They will be officially installed at a gala inaugural ball slated on Sept. 28.

A former member of the Airport Commission, Crain has been active in local civic affairs. He is a transportation consultant.

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Mrs. Harshaw was traveling east on 182nd St., and the youngster was attempting to cross Prairie Ave. when the collision occurred.

The driver was not held, Torrance police officials said. Another child was injured Friday when he ran into the street and was hit by a car.

Kevin John Monahan, 3, of 5031 Arvada St., was taken to Bay Cities Hospital, according to Torrance police, with severe injuries. However, hospital authorities refused to disclose the youngster's condition.

Driver of the car was Robert Joseph Caron, 36, of Downey, who was westbound on Arvada St. when the accident occurred near the child's house. He was not held.

Board to Get City Request For Signals

A request by the city of Torrance for an allocation of \$17,000 in gas tax funds to be used in providing traffic signals at three Crenshaw Blvd. intersections is on Tuesday's agenda for consideration of the Board of Supervisors, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Proposed locations for the signals are at 182nd St., 190th St. and Torrance Blvd. intersections of Crenshaw.

At 182nd St. the new signals will replace the present four-way boulevard stop signs.

At 190th and Torrance Blvd. they will replace the single-head "Chinese Lantern" type signals.

Supervisor Hahn pointed out that the new signals at 182nd and 190th will help reduce traffic congestion, especially during peak traffic hours, and will be of assistance in providing maximum safety to students of North High School and Crenshaw Elementary School who have to cross these intersections.

School Bond Sale Slated

A request by the Board of Education of the Torrance Unified School District for the issuance and sale of \$2,000,000 in school bonds is on the agenda for consideration of the Board of Supervisors next Tuesday according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Dr. J. H. Hull, Torrance Superintendent of Schools, requested that the bonds be sold on Oct. 8 so that the issue can be dated Nov. 1.

Lomita City Drive Now in High Gear

Lomita Civic Committee of One Thousand for Incorporation today is a reality with 1003 persons signed up.

With the announcement of the committee's reaching the 1000 goal, the community-wide incorporation battle shifted in high gear in preparation for the Oct. 29 election.

Pro-incorporationists also announced that Mrs. Jean Bereseth, 25918 Lucille Ave., will chairwoman the women's division of the committee for incorporation.

Headquarters for volunteer workers and committee meetings has been opened at the

Chamber of Commerce office, 2213 Lomita Blvd.

Although remaining neutral in the council race, the Chamber of Commerce Civic Committee for incorporation will set a drive for registered voters right up until election day.

Registrations are reported to be worth \$8.54 each to the city in state subventions.

Lomita now has 4662 registered voters, and would be credited with three times that number, according to state rules. Thus, state funds would amount to \$119,999 yearly based on present vote registrations.

A Penny for your Thoughts

Torrance residents had the following opinions to give regarding today's question:

"What do you expect from your child's school teacher in the way of discipline?"

William Durham, 18812 Billings St., installation supervisor:

"Discipline in the classroom depends on the parents and the child. I believe the child should be punished for misbehaving, but it should not be physical punishment. However, it should be severe enough for the child to know he is being punished."

Christine Simmons, 1628 W. 203rd St., waitress:

"If the children need it, they should be punished, even to the extent of a spanking. I expect my children to behave at school as they do at home."

Lloyd Steven, 816 N. Irena St., service station attendant:

"I have three youngsters in school. I'm not there to discipline them and I don't have to make them behave at school. I was spanked when I went to school; I do not see what difference it should make in today's schools."

Irene Walgren, 803 Acacia St., waitress:

"I do not believe teachers or principals should spank children. They should use psychology to correct youngsters who misbehave."

Jim Burris, 1537 W. 215th St., water company employee:

"I feel children need some sort of discipline at school. But I feel the teacher should be able to discipline a child without paddling or ever touching the student."

Cy Brown, 14422 Marcelina St., dry cleaner:

"I expect the teachers to be very strict in discipline. In school, the teacher's word is law. If my children come home with troubles they just get into more trouble at home."

Kenichi Koyama Wins Hughes Scholarship

Kenichi Koyama, 24417 Narbonne Ave., Lomita, has been named winner of a \$400 cash scholarship from the Hughes Aircraft Co.

It's An Old Story: 20,000 Students Enroll



4000TH STUDENT . . . On Jan. 19, 1950, Robert E. Morton, then principal of Perry Elementary School, registered the 4000th student in the Torrance Unified School District, Leroy Thompson Jr., a fifth grader. Morton has become director of personnel for the district and Thompson has graduated from high school, but the Torrance Unified School District is still growing at an unprecedented rate.

On Jan. 19, 1950, Torrance residents were startled to learn that the Torrance Unified School District had enrolled its 4000th student, quite a milestone in the development of the small city.

Friday, seven and a half years later, South High Principal Bruce Magner welcomed the 20,000th student in the Torrance Unified School District, 15-year-old Susan Peterson, daughter of Col. and Mrs. C. M. Peterson, 404 Calle Mayor. She moved here from Dayton, Ohio.

21,300 Students

The growth that amazed Torrance residents just seven years ago has become old hat at the district quintupled in size, and the people and school officials are pretty well used to the fact that the end of the district's growth is not yet in sight. Some 21,300 students are expected to enroll by the time that school opens this Thursday.

Percentage-wise the rate of growth has slowed down to 15 per cent this year, compared with 28 per cent in 1950, but numerically the increase is much greater—3150 this year, compared with 900 in 1950.

District Grows When the Torrance Unified School District separated from the Los Angeles School System in 1947, it had an enrollment of 1200 students.



20,000TH STUDENT . . . South High Principal Bruce Magner this week registered the 20,000th student to enroll in the Torrance Unified School District—Susan Peterson, 404 Calle Mayor—who will be a sophomore. The end is not in sight, as some 21,300 students are expected to be enrolled in local schools when classes start Thursday.